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Dear Folks:

I'm writing in support of the Tucson Audubon Society's request to re-evaluate the Clean Water Act Section 404 permit for Whetstone Ranch issued to Whetstone Partners LLC/LLP (Permit #2003-00826-SDM). This action is warranted by the increased scale of the newly proposed Villages at Vigneto from what was proposed originally and by new information on hydrological and ecological resources that would be affected, as documented in Audubon's May 19 letter to the Army Corps of Engineers. As retired director of conservation programs in Arizona for The Nature Conservancy, I am especially concerned about potential impacts to habitat mitigation lands along the Lower San Pedro River. Other areas of concern include potential impacts to T/E species habitat, wildlife corridors and ephemeral washes that are tributary to the San Pedro. The scale of the proposed project and the nationally significant biological resources in the area justify a careful review of the permit.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Tom Collazo

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